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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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JOHN CONRAD SANCHEZ**For: **OPEN FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEFINITION OF METADATA**Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation  
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Enclosed are also:

☒ <sup>26</sup> Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ <sup>5</sup> Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 27 )  
☒ <sup>6</sup> Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

## CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee (\$710)
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